

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 13 June 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10 and 12-29 (renumbered 1-28).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 06 November 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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Patent Examiner

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The Examiner finds Applicants' arguments on pages 7-9 of the "Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116" filed 13 June 2005 concerning a directory server persuasive as applied to independent claim 1. The combinations of prior art from Stokes et al. ("The LDUP Replication Update Protocol"), Cai et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0016880), and Shaheen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,434,994) neither render obvious nor anticipates the combination of recited elements in light of claim 1. In particular, the combination of Stokes, Cai, and Shaheen does not render obvious the limitation "the plurality of pluggable services comprises an incremental update algorithm service comparing a first replica update vector of the supplier server and a second replica update vector of the consumer server to order an update sequence from a change log."

2. The Examiner finds Applicants' arguments on pages 7-9 of the "Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116" filed 13 June 2005 concerning a method for replicating data in a directory server having a dupliier server and a consumer server persuasive as applied to independent claims 13, 28, and 29. The combinations of prior art from Stokes et al. ("The LDUP Replication Update Protocol"), Shaheen et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,434,994), and Bahl (U.S. Patent No. 6,782,398) neither render obvious nor anticipates the combination of recited elements in light of claims 13, 28, and 29. In particular, the combination of Stokes, Shaheen, and Bahl does not render obvious the limitation "the plurality of pluggable services comprises an incremental update algorithm service

comparing a first replica update vector of the supplier server and a second replica update vector of the consumer server to order an update sequence from a change log."

CONCLUSION

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harold E. Dodds, Jr. whose telephone number is (571)-272-4110. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John E. Breene can be reached on (571)-272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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